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THE SECRETARY

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PASS TO BREMER/GOMPERT FOR THE SECRETARY
LM NOVEMBER 7, 1974
TO: BREMER/RODMAN FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. KEN COLE YESTERDAY GAVE TO THE PRESIDENT A LIST OF CONGRESSIONALLY-RELATED ISSUES FOR FY 76 TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OVER THE COMING WEEKS. THE PROPOSAL IS THAT THE PRESIDENT SPEND AN HOUR ON EACH OF THESE ISSUES, BEGINNING UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE ASIAN TRIP. KEN COLE'S ISSUES ARE:

WELFARE REFORM
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
FOOD SUPPLY AND ROLE OF U.S.
LAND USE
OCEANS POLICY
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING
HIGHER EDUCATION
WORK-EDUCATION STUDY
WATER RESOURCES POLICY
TRANSPORTATION DEREGULATION
SOCIAL SECURITY
FEDERAL-LOCAL PLANNING
AMTRAK PRIVATIZATION
PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

2. RUMSFELD HAS ASKED IF WE HAVE A SIMILAR LIST OF LEGISLATION-ORIENTED ISSUES WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR THE SAME KIND OF TREATMENT. WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES, WHICH IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS
LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES
BASE NEGOTIATIONS (SPAIN, PORTUGAL, MOROCCO)
DIEGO GARCIA AND INDIAN OCEAN ISSUES
OVERSEAS FORCE DEPLOYMENTS
SECURITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF
CUBA POLICY
FOOD/COMMODITIES
IMPACT OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE PROGRAMS

3. THERE ARE TWO WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD APPROACH THIS:
(1) SUBMIT A LIST OF ISSUES AND ASK FOR AN HOUR FOR DISCUSSION OF EACH, OR (2) STATE THAT YOU WILL DEAL WITH THESE KIND OF SUBJECTS IN THE COURSE OF YOUR DAILY MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

4. WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE?

WARM REGARDS.

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1. Submit list & ask
for an hour
2. Deal in Daily Meetings